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SUBJECT: UDPS DEMONSTRATION ATTEMPT ENDS IN ARREST, MINOR
DISTURBANCES

¶1. (SBU) The opposition UDPS party called for a March 10 march from Kinshasa's central train station to MONUC Headquarters reportedly to deliver a note addressed to visiting UN Deputy Secretary for Peacekeeping Jean-Marie Guehenno. The UDPS failed to apply for a permit to march until March 8. The Governor of Kinshasa did not issue a permit but asked police to deploy near the train station.

¶2. (SBU) At mid-morning, 50-60 UDPS protesters gathered at the train station where police used tear gas to disperse them. The police made several arrests, including Remy Masamba, Secretary General of the UDPS.

¶3. (SBU) There have been reports of rock throwing at cars, including one incident involving an AmCit whose car window was shattered while he shopped in a nearby store. The AmCit was uninjured and proceeded normally.

¶4. (SBU) As of 12:30 pm local time, traffic in Kinshasa is normal, and businesses are operating. There is heavier than usual police presence in the central part of the city. We have issued a warden message to AmCits advising them to exercise caution and will continue to monitor the situation.
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